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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities:**

#### **Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories and Approval of Commercial Gaugers**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing information collection: 1651-0053.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories and Approval of Commercial Gaugers. This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with a change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 6128) on January 29, 2013, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before [Insert date 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**].

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on

this information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 90 K Street, NE, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 104-13).

Your comments should address one of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information.

**Title:** Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories and Approval of Commercial Gaugers

**OMB Number:** 1651-0053

**Form Number:** None

**Abstract:** Commercial laboratories seeking accreditation or approval must provide the information specified in 19 CFR 151.12 to Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and Commercial Gaugers seeking CBP approval must provide the information specified under 19 CFR 151.13. After the initial accreditation, a private company may "extend" its accreditation to add facilities by submitting a formal written request to CBP. This application process is authorized by Section 613 of Public Law 103-182 (NAFTA Implementation Act), codified at 19 U.S.C. 1499, which directs CBP to establish a procedure to accredit privately owned testing laboratories. The information collected is used by CBP in deciding whether to approve individuals or businesses desiring to measure bulk products or to analyze importations. Instructions for completing these applications are accessible at: [http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/basic\\_trade/labs\\_scientific\\_svcs/commercial\\_gaugers/app\\_info/app\\_instructions.ctt/app\\_instructions.pdf](http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/basic_trade/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/app_info/app_instructions.ctt/app_instructions.pdf)

**Action:** CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with a change to the burden hours as a result of revised estimates by CBP. There are no changes to the information collected.

**Type of Review:** Extension (with change)

**Affected Public:** Businesses

**Reporting:**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 100

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1

**Estimated Number of Total Responses:** 100

**Estimated Time per Response:** 75 minutes

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 125

**Record Keeping:**

**Estimated Number of Record Keepers:** 100

**Estimated Time per Record Keeper:** 60 minutes

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 100

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